# Homegoing Celebration

## Pastor Dan Henry Alexander

**HEAVEN SENT: JANUARY 8, 1957** **HEAVEN BOUND: DECEMBER 18, 2012**

*Friday, December 28, 2012 ~ 11:00 a.m.*

CHRISTIAN HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
301 LaSalle Street, Natchez, MS 39120

Reverend John Scott, Jr. - Pastor
Dr. Jerry Young, Officiating

# CELEBRATING THE LIFE & LEGACY
# OF
# PASTOR DAN HENRY ALEXANDER

*Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.*
*Revelations 22:7*

REVEREND MICHAEL WHITE, PROGRAM GUIDE

## *Order of Service*

ORGAN PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL.....Ministers and The Alexander Family
MUSICAL TRIBUTE.....True Love MBC and Marblestone MBC Choirs
OLD TESTAMENT.....Reverend Edward Brown
NEW TESTAMENT.....Reverend Jerry Johnson
HYMN.....Combined Choirs
PRAYER.....Reverend Wilsonni Johnson
CHANT.....*"Remember Me"*.....Brother George Minor
MUSICAL TRIBUTE.....Brother Willie Minor
WORDS OF COMFORT.....Reverend James Beverly
REFLECTIONS/TRIBUTES: ***(Please limit expressions to 2 minutes)***

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| WM Reverend Clifton Marvel, Sr. | *HR Revels Masonic Lodge #3 F&AM PHA* |
| Lieutenant Colonel Sylvester Ford | *Member of MDOT Law Enforcement* |
| Mister Darryl Grennell | *Adams County Board of Supervisors, President* |
| Attorney Robert Johnson | *State Representative* |
| Sister Ruth Walker | *Neighbor* |
| Reverend Carl Williams | *Family Tribute* |
| Reverend Billy Taylor | *Family Tribute* |
| Reverend Keith Paul Stewman | *Family Tribute* |
| Elder Thomas Lewis, Jr. | *Family Tribute* |

**RECOGNITION (Stand Only)**
*North Natchez Class of 1976*
*386th Transportation Unit US Army Reserve*

MUSICAL TRIBUTE.....Pastor J.L. Hammitte and Company
PULPIT TRIBUTE.....Reverend John Scott, Jr., *Adams County A.M.B. Association, President*
RESOLUTIONS.....***(Presentation Only, Not read aloud)***
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & CONDOLENCES.....Sister Mary Davis and Sister Shamekia L. Isaac
OBITUARY..... *(Soft Music)*.....Read Silently
SOLO.....Brother Clarence Chatman
EULOGY.....Dr. Jerry Young, *Past President of GMSC of Ms. Vice President at-large of National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.*
MARSHALL FUNERAL HOME IN CHARGE
MUSICAL TRIBUTE.....*"Let the Church Say Amen"*.....Pastor J.L. Hammitte
RECESSIONAL
ENTOMBMENT WITH MILITARY HONORS.....National Cemetery
BENEDICTION

# *Obituary*

REVEREND DAN ALEXANDER was born on January 8, 1957, in Natchez, MS. He was called home peacefully on December 18, 2012, at G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center, Jackson, MS. Dan was the son of the late Martha Alexander and Dan Williams.

He accepted Christ at an early age at Jerusalem Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. A. L. Butler. Dan accepted his calling to the ministry in 1999, at United Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Shep Bethley and was officially ordained on January 8, 2000. He pastored Marblestone Baptist Church and True Love Baptist Church of Natchez, MS.

Dan attended Natchez-Adams School District and was a member of North Natchez Adams High School Class of 1976. With his love of country, Dan entered into the United States Army and served 23 years. He served with the 386th Transportation Unit of the United States Army Reserves and fought for his country while in Desert Storm. After receiving an Honorable Discharge, he worked for the National Cemetery (Natchez location) 2 years and retired from the Mississippi Department of Transportation as a law enforcement officer after 19 years.

Dan united in holy matrimony to Vicky Lyles on December 26, 1981, and to this union a daughter, Valyncia Danielle Alexander, was born.

He was a member of: Clearmont B.C. where he served as the assistant pastor; North Natchez Adams High School choir, The Natchez Tornadoes, All Male Chorus, Golden Tones, H.R. Revels Masonic Lodge #3 F. & A. M. P.H.A., NAACP, Ministers Alliance and he was the Adams County AMB Association Dean .

His accomplishments include: an Associate's Degree from Big Ben College - Manheim, Germany, Southwest Asia Service Medal Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Staff Sergeant US Army, Commissioned Honorary Colonel, Distinguished Service Citation, Saudi Arabian Kuwait Liberation Medal, Bachelor of Specialized Training in Military Science, United Theological Seminary Degree - Monroe, LA, National Incident Management Systems (Homeland Security), and a Certificate of License in Ministry.

Dan loved to read and study the bible, carpentry and singing. Along with his infectious smile he touched the hearts and souls of many. Dan's sense of humor was second to none. He was the best husband, dad, brother, cousin, uncle, pastor, and friend one could ever have. He lived life to the fullest and loved God with every ounce of his soul.

Dan was preceded in death by: his mother, Martha C. Alexander; brother, Jimmie L. Alexander; grandparents, Levi and Frances S. Curtis and Jessie and Alice Williams; uncles, Willie Ross, Wilbert Curtis, Elbert Curtis and Levi Curtis; aunts Mary C. White and Amelia Little.

Dan's legacy lives on with: his wife, Vicky L. Alexander; daughter, Valyncia D. Alexander; father, Dan H. Williams; sisters, Clara A. Wright (Fritz), Frances A. Wallace (Tommy), Mary Joyce Curtis, Jana Harried, and Susan Cade all of Natchez, MS; brothers, Claude Alexander (Carolyn) of Houston, TX, Clarence Little (Belinda) of England, Darrell Williams and Jessie Williams of Chicago, IL; aunts, Nancy White, Clara Johnson and Geraldine Stewart all of Natchez, MS, Sadie Stewart (Bernie) of Woodville, MS, Mary Pitts (Warren) of Baton Rouge, LA, Inez Gaylor (Leroy) of New Orleans, LA, Hattie Seiber and Mary Fountain (Kenneth) of Jackson, MS; uncles, Carl Williams (Ruby) of New Orleans, LA and James Williams of Baton Rouge, LA; mother-in-law, Carrie Lyles of Vidalia, LA; brothers-in-law, Randy Young and Michael Lyles (Eloise) of Vidalia, LA; sisters-in-law, Gwen Taylor (Billy) of Indianapolis, IN and Carolyn Jamison of Atlanta, GA; special niece, Betty McMorris (Wardell); special cousin, James "Rickey" Gray; Godchildren, Aaliyah Cain and Jayda Timmons; special friends of his daughter who were like children to him, Francheska Fells, Raphael Shivers and Jonathan Prater; friends of the family, James Brooks, Martin Anderson, Rev. Louis Selmon, Rev. Edward Brown, Rev. James Washington, Willie Carradine, Rev. Jerry Johnson, Jerry Cain, Leon Jackson, Lenardo Owens, Perry Bruce, Warren Bacon, James Hayes, Bennie Thompson, George "Bo" Bates, James West and Richard Stewart.

Dan is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends who were like family to him.

## Death is Nothing at All

Death is nothing at all.
I have only slipped away to the next room.
I am I and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other,
That, we still are.

Call me by my old familiar name.
Speak to me in the easy way
which you always used.
Put no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed
at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me. Pray for me.
Let my name be ever the household word
that it always was.
Let it be spoken without effect.
Without the trace of a shadow on it.

Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same that it ever was.
There is absolute unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of mind
because I am out of sight?

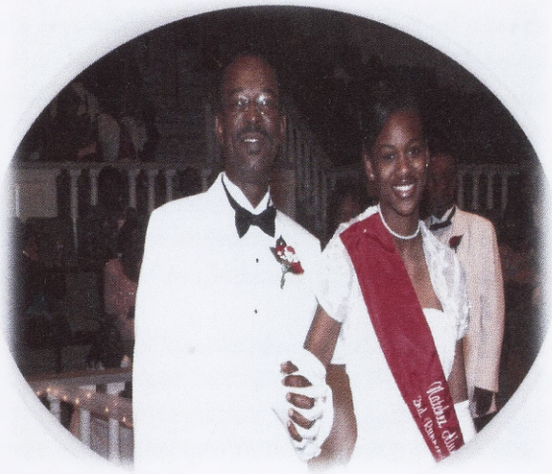
I am but waiting for you.
For an interval.
Somewhere. Very near.
Just around the corner.

All is well.

HENRY SCOTT HOLLAND

*Dan's Family*

## *Dan's Family cont. . . . . .*



ONE OF DAN'S
FAVORITE SAYINGS

*"For God I Live*
*and*
*For God I Die"*

# *A Tribute To Our Pastor*

The Marblestone Baptist Church family welcomed Reverend Dan H. Alexander as our pastor and leader 12 years ago with open arms, and a heart of love. He was no stranger to us and an easy fit for our church family as he was a member of our community for several years. He was a member of Clearmont Baptist Church yet pastored Marblestone Baptist Church. He and the members of the Marbelstone Baptist Church along with the Pastors and members of Pilgrim Baptist Church and Clearmont Baptist Church frequently worshipped together as one big happy family where everyone looked out for one another.

Our Pastor was a loving, humble, kind, and affectionate person who stood boldly and proclaimed God's word to his flock. When Pastor Dan came to Marblestone he was instrumental in teaching Bible class every Wednesday night, Sunday school most Sunday mornings, and occasionally attending Youth Services which were held the first Sunday of every month. During his first Bible class teaching his handout to the attendees was entitled "Leadership, The Articles of Faith, and What God Expects of Us as Christians." The Missionary Society at Marblestone Baptist Church was organized under his leadership.

He wanted his church to grow spiritually and be knowledgeable of the word of God and most of all Love each other. If by chance he forgot something because he was always pushing for something to be done and someone had to remind him of his earlier instructions, he would respond with one of his favorite sayings "Did I say that,"or Make it happen." If he saw something that he wanted changed he had a way of just looking at you and after service ended he would speak with you on the side.

Pastor Dan had a love for Marblestone Baptist Church that was unconditional as did Sister Vicky and Danielle. Sister Vicky often referred to our church as the "The Stone." Sister Vicky and Danielle faithfully attended and participated in the services and activities held at Marblestone Baptist Church.

Our Pastor will be greatly missed for his sense of humor and fairness.

The Marblestone Baptist Church Family

*"...And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge...*
*The preacher sought to find out acceptable words,...even words of truth."*

*Ecclesiastes 12:9-10*

Dan Henry Alexander had a vision of a church on a hill that served as a beacon of hope to wayward souls. On August 24, 2009, God brought him closer to that dream when Pastor Alexander founded True Love Missionary Baptist Church, "Today's Church Moving Forward without Compromising God's Word."

Although he reminded us constantly of the vision and mission, we were not convinced. Our faith was tested often. However, our leader taught us how to trust and believe God for all things. He led by example. His faith never faltered. On October 16, 2010, the True Love Missionary Baptist Church family purchased land at 1441 Martin Luther King, Jr. Road. Pastor Alexander designed our new building and supervised construction. He said, "Maybe now we can start to see God's plan for us now that this land is under our feet." As a body united under the leadership of a man led by God, we no longer felt like we were wondering through the wilderness.

Pastor Dan, as we affectionately called him, immediately set about doing His Father's business. After establishing various ministries within the church, he sought leadership classes for each auxiliary chairperson and more knowledge for himself. He often said, "Every leader must know his or her job before they can lead somebody else." Some questioned their appointments but maintained faith in our shepherd. Under Pastor Dan's direction, True Love has learned to embrace pastoral leadership and vision. Pastor Dan prepared us to stand on God's Word through weekly Bible study meetings on Wednesdays and his soul stirring sermons on Sundays. He taught us to not just accept his teachings but to dissect and analyze the Word for ourselves.

Pastor Dan made each of us feel important as individuals. From the young man who struggled with his faith to the Bible study student who questioned everything, he knew each member of True Love. Our individual spiritual growth as well as our personal growth mattered to him. Pastor Dan celebrated all of our accomplishments from honor rolls to job promotions to positive reports from the doctors. His smile warmed our hearts, his hugs calmed our anxiety, his sermons inspired our souls, and his melodious voice confirmed to us that the Holy Ghost spoke through him.

Pastor Dan Henry Alexander's gifts expanded far beyond him being a spiritual leader. He was our teacher, therapist, singer, designer, carpenter, financial advisor, father, and so much more. He laid the foundation for God's church on the hill and his legacy shall continue through us.

Although a limb has fallen from our family tree, we imagine his voice that says
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*"True Love, Grieve not for me. Remember the best times, the laughter, the songs.*
*Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you. Keep smiling and surely*
*The sun will shine through. My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.*
*Remembering all, how I truly was blessed. Continue traditions, no Matter how small.*
*Go on with your life, don't worry about pitfalls.*
*I Miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin until the day comes when we're*
*Together again."*

# Active Pallbearers

Sergeant Daryl Walker
Sergeant Lynn Harvey
Sergeant Raymond Murray

Captain Otis Dyer
Sergeant Maurice Coney
Sergeant Arzrito Mark

# Honorary Pallbearers

H.R. Revels Masonic Lodge #3 F. & A. M. P. H. A.

Mississippi Department of Transportation
Law Enforcement Officers

386th Transportation
Unit of United States Army Reserves

NNAHS Class of 1976

Friends of the Ministry

# Acknowledgements

*Mere words seem inadequate to express the depths of our thanks and appreciation for your kind acts of Christian love. The love of God shines on us through our family and friends.Be assured that we shall always remember you... Our memories are dearer because you cared and shared. Please continue your prayers in our behalf, as we are confident in the healing properties of prayer and have an abiding faith in the eternal presence of God.*

THE FAMILY OF PASTOR DAN ALEXANDER

| Services Entrusted to | Entombment | Repast |
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| *Marshall Funeral Home* | *Natchez National Cemetery* | *Broadmoor Community Center* |